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July 01, 2014

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

25 July 1, 2014

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
SACHI A. HAMAI  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO.40, ANTELOPE VALLEY  
RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT  
ROUND 3 IMPLEMENTATION GRANT FUNDS (PROPOSITION 84)  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

This action is to adopt a Resolution to authorize the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley, to file an application for Integrated Regional Water Management Round 3 Implementation Grant funds with the California Department of Water Resources.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40, ANTELOPE VALLEY:**

1. Adopt a Resolution approving the filing of an application for up to \$3,000,000 of grant funds with the California Department of Water Resources, on behalf of Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley, for Integrated Regional Water Management Round 3 grant funds for the implementation of the 60th Street West Wellhead Arsenic Treatment Project.
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to file an application with the California Department of Water Resources.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended action is to submit an Integrated Regional Water Management Round 3 Implementation Grant Application for up to \$3,000,000 to fund the 60th Street West Wellhead Arsenic Treatment Project (Project). The Project consists of installing an arsenic treatment

system for two existing wells that supply water to the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley's (District) distribution system. The Project will improve water quality and increase local water supply reliability by reducing the District's dependence on imported water from the California State Water Project. The arsenic concentrations in the water from the two existing wells currently exceed the State and Federal maximum contaminant level of 10 micrograms per liter. Consistent with Senate Bill 104, the Project for this round will provide immediate regional drought relief, increase local water supply reliability, and reduce water quality conflicts.

The enclosed Resolution will allow the Director of Public Works or her designee to apply for the Implementation Grant funds. The cost to prepare the grant application is estimated to be \$20,000. If the District is awarded grant funds, we will return to the Board for acceptance of the grant funds and to request authority to negotiate and execute funding agreements with the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). The Board's approval, including approval of appropriate environmental documentation, will also be required to proceed with implementing the Project.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 2) by actively seeking grant funds to augment the County's funding sources and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3) since the implementation of the projects in the grant application would leverage resources and improve the quality of life for residents in the County of Los Angeles.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated grant application cost of up to \$20,000 is included in the District's General Fund Fiscal Year 2013-14 Budget. Up to 100 percent of this amount may be reimbursed by the DWR if the Project is awarded funding.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

In November 2006 the voters of California enacted the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Act of 2006 (Proposition 84), adding provisions to the California Water Code. Public Resources Code, Sections 75001-75130, authorizes the Legislature to appropriate \$1 billion for an Integrated Regional Water Management Program (Program). The Program is managed by the DWR.

The intent of the Program is to encourage integrated regional strategies for the management of water resources and to provide funding through at least three competitive grant cycles for projects that protect communities from drought, improve water reliability, protect and improve water quality, and improve local water security by reducing dependence on imported water. The implementation grants are designed for projects that are ready or nearly ready to proceed to implementation.

The Proposition 84 Round 3 Implementation Grant solicitation, which will lead to the distribution of \$450 million in grant funds, was originally scheduled to commence in late 2014. On March 1, 2014, Governor Brown signed Senate Bill 104, designating \$200 million of these Proposition 84 Round 3 funds for regional drought preparedness projects that provide immediate regional drought relief. These funds are to be distributed through an expedited grant solicitation process (Part 1). The remaining \$250 million will become available for Integrated Regional Water Management projects

during a second solicitation process tentatively scheduled for mid-2015 (Part 2). This action will authorize the District to apply for Part 1 grant funds.

On April 3, 2014, the DWR released the Draft Expedited Project Solicitation Package and revised Program Guidelines for the Proposition 84 Round 3 Implementation grants cycle and announced a grant application deadline for Part 1 in July 2014. Similar to the first two rounds of solicitation, the Project Solicitation Package and Program Guidelines indicate that eligible grant applications must provide in addition to regional benefits, immediate drought relief and originate from an Integrated Regional Water Management Region.

The grant program requires grant applications to include a Resolution from the jurisdiction's governing body identifying the representative authorized to file the applications and execute the grant agreements. The Resolution has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The recommended actions do not constitute a project subject to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is activity that is excluded from the definition of a project by Section 15378(b) of the CEQA Guidelines. The funding, preparation, and submission of an application for grant funding involves the creation of a government funding mechanism or other government fiscal activity, which does not involve any commitment to any specific project, which may result in potentially significant physical impact on the environment. If selected for grant funding, we will return to the Board to request authority to accept the grant funds and to approve the Project, along with the appropriate documentation under CEQA and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as applicable. No activities that would be considered a project under CEQA or NEPA, if applicable, will be undertaken prior to the Board's approval of environmental documentation.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The implementation of these projects will enhance the quality of life for the District's customers by improving water quality and water reliability while reducing dependence on imported water.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please return three adopted copies of this letter and three copies of the signed Resolution to the Department of Public Works, Waterworks Division.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

7/1/2014

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA,  
ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40, ANTELOPE VALLEY,  
AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF APPLICATION FOR  
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT IMPLEMENTATION GRANT

WHEREAS, the Legislature and the Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Act of 2006 (Proposition 84); and

WHEREAS, the Legislature and the Governor of the State of California have enacted Senate Bill 104 to provide funds for the Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program Proposition 84 Round 3; and

WHEREAS, this grant program is administered by the California Department of Water Resources; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Water Resources requires the governing body of a grant applicant to designate, by Resolution, an authorized representative for filing grant applications and executing grant agreements; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley (DISTRICT), intends to submit an application for Proposition 84 Round 3 Implementation Grant funds of up to Three Million and 00/100 Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) for the 60th Street West Wellhead Arsenic Treatment Project under the Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, acting as the governing body of the DISTRICT:

1. Authorize and direct the Director of Public Works or her designee to file an application for Proposition 84 Round 3 Implementation Grant funds.
2. Designate the Director of Public Works or her designee to negotiate and execute the grant agreement.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted on the 1st day of July, 2014,  
by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles acting as the governing body  
of the DISTRICT.

SACHI A. HAMAI  
Executive Officer of the  
Board of Supervisors of the  
County of Los Angeles



By Carla Little  
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOHN F. KRATTLI  
County Counsel

By Michael L. Moore  
Deputy